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Re: REPORTABLE GIFT: Lunch w/Dr. Nikias and Martha Escutia, Thursday, September 28, 2017

5 messages

Catherine Kuriyama <crubin@usc.edu>
To: Debby Kim <debby.kim@lacity.org>
Cc: Joanne Ramirez <joanner@president.usc.edu>

Thu, Oct 19, 2017 at 5:11 PM

Please pass on to Councilmember Gilbert Cedillo

Dear Councilmember Gilbert Cedillo,

I understand you attended lunch on September 28, 2017. Attendance at this event constitutes acceptance of a reportable gift. The gift value for your lunch was \$39.98. As you know the gift limit for city officials is \$100 per calendar year. We will report that you accepted this gift on our 3rd Quarter Lobbying Report unless you choose to reimburse this amount by October 28, 2017.

PLEASE NOTE: City officials only need to disclose gifts totaling \$50 or more in a calendar year. However, because USC is a lobbyist employer, it must report gifts of \$25 or more.

If you choose to reimburse \$39.98, we will not report it on the USC 3rd Quarter Lobbying Report. However, you are welcome to accept the gift and not reimburse the amount.

For reimbursement checks, please make check payable to University of Southern California and mail to the University of Southern California, Attn. Cathy Kuriyama, 3551 Trousdale Parkway, Suite 260, Los Angeles, CA 90089.

Please reply to confirm you received this email. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Cathy Kuriyama (Rubin)

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From: Catherine Kuriyama <crubin@usc.edu>
Date: Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 10:52 AM
To: Debby Kim <debby.kim@lacity.org>
Cc: Joanne Ramirez <joanner@president.usc.edu>
Subject: Re: Confirmed: Lunch w/CM Cedillo, Thursday, September 28, 12 Noon

Dear Debby,

Since USC is a lobbyist employer, when USC pays for a meal or gift that is a benefit to the councilmember, it is reportable. One exception is if he has a speaking role at an event, the meal is not reportable.

PLEASE NOTE: The councilmember can choose to reimburse within 30 days of receiving the gift, in which case, nothing would be reported.

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From: Debby Kim <debby.kim@lacity.org>

Date: Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 10:18 AM

To: Catherine Kuriyama <crubin@usc.edu>

Subject: Re: Confirmed: Lunch w/CM Cedillo, Thursday, September 28, 12 Noon

I'd rather not have it be a lunch that we have to report - is there any way we can move it to a location where this wouldn't be the case?

On Wed, Sep 20, 2017 at 4:12 PM, Catherine Kuriyama <crubin@usc.edu> wrote:

Hi Debby,

Regarding the lunch with President Nikias and Martha Escutia, please pass the following note to Councilmember Cedillo.

Please note, if attending this lunch, the food and beverages are reportable gifts.

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From: Debby Kim <debby.kim@lacity.org>
Date: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 11:41 AM
To: Joanne Ramirez <joanner@president.usc.edu>
Subject: Re: Lunch w/CM Cedillo

Let's do the 28th @California Club.

Thank you so much for your assistance Joanne,

On Tue, Aug 8, 2017 at 4:20 PM, Joanne Ramirez <joanner@president.usc.edu> wrote:

Hello Debby,

Janice Hsia has forwarded me your message regarding scheduling a lunch for Dr. Nikias with Councilman Cedillo as I manage Dr. Nikias' calendar. Dr. Nikias would also like to include Martha Escutia in the lunch if that is ok with Councilman Cedillo. Will anyone else be joining the Councilman for the lunch?

Noted below are some possible dates in September:

Monday, September 11

Friday, September 15

Thursday, September 28

Dr. Nikias could host Councilman Cedillo at USC or at the California Club. Let me know if the Councilman would have a preference.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Joanne Ramirez

Special Assistant to the President

Direct dial: [\(213\) 740-6701](tel:(213)740-6701)

Begin forwarded message:

From: Debby Kim <debby.kim@lacity.org>
Date: August 7, 2017 at 2:56:10 PM PDT
To: Janice C Hsia <jhsia@usc.edu>
Subject: Lunch w/CM Cedillo

Hi Janice,

the Councilman would like to have lunch to catch up on all things with Max.

Could you please help me arrange something in the next month?

Thanks,

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Fri, Oct 20, 2017 at 4:24 PM

Thank you Cathy!!
We will most likely reimburse.

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Catherine Kuriyama <crubin@usc.edu>
To: Debby Kim <debby.kim@lacity.org>

Wed, Oct 25, 2017 at 5:09 PM

Hi Debby,

Are you sending a check for \$39.98 or is he accepting this gift?

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Debby Kim <debby.kim@lacity.org>
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Thu, Oct 26, 2017 at 9:52 AM

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To: Debby Kim <debby.kim@lacity.org>

Thu, Oct 26, 2017 at 9:53 AM

Okay, thank you.

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